IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA

WRIT PETITION NO. 225 OF 2005

BETTY C.ALVARES,CANDOLIM,BARDEZ GOA. ....Petitioners

Versus

DIRECTOR OF PANCHAYATS AND 2 ORS., ...Respondents

Mr. N. Costa Frias, advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. S.S. Kantak, Advocate General with Ms. G. Bhonsle, Addl. Government Advocate for the respondent nos.1 and 2.

Coram:- S.S. PARKAR, J.

Date:- 20th July, 2005

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This petition has been filed seeking expeditious disposal of seven Panchayat Appeals filed by the petitioner before the Director of Panchayats in the year 2002. The grievance made in the petition appears to be valid as the appeals are not disposed of upto the year 2005, though they were filed in the year 2002. On behalf of the respondents, the learned Advocate General points out that there are older appeals pending before the Director of Panchayats. There are two Additional Directors, one post of which is vacant at present, i.e. the post of Additional Director of Panchayats I. The appeals are assigned to the three officers, i.e. the Director and the two Additional Directors. The appeals of 2001 onwards are assigned to the Additional Director of Panchayats I. He has to dspose of 184 appeals of 2001 and 204 appeals of 2002, which include the seven appeals of the petitioner.

It is rightly contended on behalf of the respondents that without any special reasons the petitioner cannot get priority over the older appeals pending before the Director. It is further stated that the efforts are being made to dispose of the appeals as early as possible by distributing the work amongst the three Directors.

Since no special ground is made out in the petition as to why the petitioner should be given priority over the older appeals pending before the Director, the writ of mandamus as prayed cannot be issued.

The petiton is therefore dismissed giving liberty to the petitioner to approach this Court in case his appeals are not disposed of within a period of six months from today.

S.S. PARKAR, J.